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English 3001
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- Course Objective:** In this course students will have the opportunity to refine their skills in expository writing. We will read short stories and novels, and respond to them in critical essays. In the Blair Handbook we will review the points of grammar and composition which are appropriate to our objectives and needs.
- Outline:** We will read, as time permits, the following works: Joyce, The Dubliners, Lessing, Under My Skin, Hardy, Tess Of The D'Urbervilles, and Hurston, Their Eyes Were Watching God. We will divide the class meetings among discussions of the works, reviewing students' papers, exercises in the Blair Handbook, and writing in class. Since off-campus students have prior demands upon their time, we will decide in class upon the due-dates of the reading and writing. That is, we will make up the schedule during our meetings.
- Grading Policy:** Your papers will be graded upon the basis of two considerations only: a. The degree to which they show a close familiarity with the reading. (ie. You should try always to be specific, to avoid generalization and vagueness.) and b. the degree to which they are written in language free of errors and weaknesses. (ie. Use standard English.) You may feel free to take any approach to the literature, and to express your own opinions. If you write in longhand, please use pen, and leave alternate lines free.
- Attendance Policy:** Only work missed during an excused absence will be made up. If possible, inform me beforehand whenever you expect to be absent.
- Student Disability:** If you have a documented disability and wish to discuss academic accommodations, please contact me as soon as possible.
- Office Hours:** Feel free to talk with me at any time during our meetings. If you need to contact me at another time, you may call 217-581-2428 or 217-581-6299. My office hours at EIU are: 7:30-8:00 am and 11:00-12:00 M.W.F.
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